

1 Amendments to the claims:

2 Please cancel claims 12-24, without prejudice, amend claims 1 and 2, and add  
3 new claims 25-30, all as indicated below.

5 Claim 1 (currently amended). An imaging apparatus, comprising:

6 a first media tray configured to hold a first imaging media;

7 a second media tray configured to hold a second imaging media;

8 a pick roller configured to selectively pick the first imaging media from the first  
9 media tray and the second imaging media from the second media tray, wherein imaging  
10 media is picked from one tray at a time; and

11 wherein the first media tray is configured to slide relative to the second media  
12 tray to facilitate selective presentation of the first imaging media and the second imaging  
13 media, one-at-a-time, to the pick roller for picking.

15 Claim 2 (currently amended). The imaging apparatus of claim 1, and further comprising  
16 an actuating mechanism which is operatively connected to the first media tray, and  
17 which is configured to cause the first media tray and the second media tray to be slidably  
18 positioned one-at-a-time relative to one another and to the pick roller to thereby present  
19 the first media and the second media, respectively, to the pick roller for picking.

21 Claim 3 (original). The imaging apparatus of claim 2, and wherein the actuating  
22 mechanism is also operatively connected to the second media tray.

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1 Claim 4 (original). The imaging apparatus of claim 2, and further comprising:  
2 an actuator operatively connected to the actuating mechanism; and,  
3 a controller configured to automatically control the actuation of the actuator in  
4 response to predetermined criteria.

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6 Claim 5 (original). The imaging apparatus of claim 2, and further comprising an input  
7 device configured to control the actuation of the actuator in response to an input from an  
8 operator.

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10 Claim 6 (original). The imaging apparatus of claim 1, and wherein the first media tray  
11 and the second media tray are configured to remain substantially parallel to one another.

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13 Claim 7 (original). An imaging apparatus, comprising:

14 a first media tray configured to hold a first imaging media;  
15 a second media tray configured to hold a second imaging media, wherein the first  
16 media tray is slidably disposed upon the second media tray; and,  
17 a pick roller, wherein the first media tray is configured to slide relative to the  
18 second media tray to facilitate selective presentation of the first imaging media and the  
19 second imaging media, one-at-a-time, to the pick roller for picking.

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21 Claim 8 (original). The imaging apparatus of claim 7, and further comprising:

22 a gear rack supported on the first media tray; and,  
23 a pinion gear meshingly engaged with the gear rack, and wherein rotation of the  
24 pinion gear causes the first media tray to slide relative to the second media tray.

1 Claim 9 (original). The imaging apparatus of claim 8, and wherein:

2       rotation of the pinion gear in a first direction causes the first imaging media to be  
3 presented to the pick roller; and,

4       rotation of the pinion gear in a second direction, opposite the first direction,  
5 causes the second imaging media to be presented to the pick roller.

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7 Claim 10 (original). The imaging apparatus of claim 7, and further comprising:

8       a first lift plate which is configured to support the first imaging media thereon and  
9 which is pivotally connected to the first media tray;

10      a second lift plate which is configured to support the second imaging media  
11 thereon and which is pivotally connected to the second media tray; and,

12      a lifting device configured to cause the first lift plate and the second lift plate to  
13 pivot, one-at-a-time, relative to the first media tray and the second media tray,  
14 respectively, to facilitate presentation of the first imaging media and the second imaging  
15 media, respectively, to the pick roller.

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17 Claim 11 (original). The imaging apparatus of claim 10, and wherein the lifting device  
18 comprises:

19      a lifting member configured to selectively contact the first lift plate and the second  
20 lift plate, one-at-a-time, as a result of the movement of the first media tray relative to the  
21 second media tray, wherein such contact causes the first lift plate and the second lift  
22 plate to pivot; and,

23      a biasing member configured to urge the lifting member toward the first lift plate  
24 and the second lift plate to facilitate lifting thereof by the lifting member.

1       Claims 12-24 (cancelled).

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3       Claim 25 (new). A method of presenting a first and a second imaging media to a pick  
4       roller in an imaging device, comprising:

5               supporting the first imaging media in a first media tray within the imaging device;

6               supporting the second imaging media in a second media tray within the imaging  
7       device;

8               picking the first imaging media from the first media tray with the pick roller while  
9       the first imaging media and the second imaging media are simultaneously supported  
10      within the imaging device; and

11               slidably moving the second media tray relative to the first media tray to present  
12      the second media to the pick roller.

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14       Claim 26 (new). The method of claim 25, and wherein the first media tray is slidably  
15      moved essentially parallel to the second media tray.

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17       Claim 27 (new). The method of claim 25, and further comprising elevating the first  
18      imaging media to place the first imaging media in proximity to the pick roller prior to  
19      picking the first imaging media from the first media tray.

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21       Claim 28 (new). The method of claim 27, and further comprising:

22               elevating the second imaging media to place the second imaging media in  
23      proximity to the pick roller; and

24               picking the second imaging media from the second media tray with the pick roller  
25      while the first imaging media and the second imaging media are simultaneously  
      supported on the imaging device.

1 Claim 29 (new). The method of claim 25, and wherein slidably moving the second  
2 media tray relative to the first media tray comprises slidably moving the second media  
3 tray essentially parallel to the first media tray.

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5 Claim 30 (new). The method of claim 25, and wherein slidably moving the second  
6 media tray relative to the first media tray at least partially comprises slidably moving the  
7 second media tray essentially parallel to the first media tray.

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